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APPENDIX A

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

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For example, server SC module 29 may comprise identification determining module 12, status determining module ~~26~~16, status linking module 20, communication establishing module 24, and communication activation module 26. As such, server system 28 may receive updates from each of all user systems 30 of all users on the system (*e.g.*, when a user status changes) which may therefore be reported out to each of the user systems 30. Accordingly, the status of all user systems may be known to all other user systems to enable the user SC module 31 to be able to present status information with the user indicators. User SC modules 31 may, for example, send status information (preferably in real time) for that user system whenever the status information for that user system changes. The information may be compiled by server SC module 29 and sent to user SC modules 31 (*e.g.*, at login, when a user status changes). Other mechanisms for status updates of all users may also be used. For example, a system administrator or user may set a desired interval for performing status updates. Further, status of users may be periodically checked by user SC modules ~~29-31~~31 only when that information is desired for presenting with a user indicator.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being using associated with a user indicator that is presented within at least one an electronic document, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for presenting one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with each of one or more target system users within an electronic document;

communication selection means for enabling a user providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators and enabling selection of to select at least one communication mode from a the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

communication means for enabling a user to activate the one or more user indicators to initiate activating the at least one communication mode selected associated with the one or more presented user indicators system users associated with the one or more user indicators selected.

2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising communication preventing means for enabling a the system user users to prevent other the target system users from establishing communications with that the system user users.

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3. (Amended) The system of claim 2, further comprising urgent communication request means for enabling the one or more target system users to override the communication preventing means and to send an urgent communication request.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising preference presentation means for presenting a ~~the system user's~~ users preference for receiving communications.

5. (Amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising communication options presenting means for presenting ~~the communication options to system users for a system user in~~ an order preferred by the corresponding target system user~~s~~users.

6. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising conference communication means for enabling the ~~one or more system~~ users to establish conference communications.

7. (Amended) The system of claim 6, wherein the conference communication means enable the ~~one or more system~~ users to share at least one application.

8. (Amended) A method for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being using associated with a user indicator that is presented within an ~~at least one~~ electronic document, the method comprising the steps of:

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presenting one or more user indicators as links within ~~an~~ the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with the one or more target system users;

providing a status indication of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

selecting at least one communication mode from ~~a~~ the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

providing a communication link to the one or more target system users ~~using associated~~ with the one or more user indicators.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of establishing communication between the system users and the one or more target system users upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode associated with the selected one or more system users upon activation of the user indicators indicator associated with those one or more system users.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of enabling the system users to prevent preventing the one or more target system users from establishing a communication with at least one of the one or more system users based on that the system user's users request for privacy.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of establishing an urgent communication request that overrides the system users request for privacy ~~by requesting the system user's request for privacy.~~

12. (Amended) The method of claim ~~11~~8, further comprising the step of presenting one or more communication option preferences ~~for a~~ that correspond to the system users preference for receiving communications ~~user by the user indicator in an order preferred by that system user.~~

13. (Amended) The method of claim 89, wherein the step of establishing communication ~~comprises establishing is~~ a conference communication.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the step of establishing conference communication ~~involves~~ comprises sharing at least one application among system users.

15. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with ~~using~~ a user indicator that is presented within at least one ~~an~~ electronic document, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module that presents one or more user indicators as links within the at least one electronic document, wherein each user indicator is associated with each ~~of one or more target system users within an electronic document;~~

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a status indication module that determines a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

a communication selection module that enables ~~a user~~the system users to select at least one communication mode from a plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

a communication module that enables the ~~one or more~~ system users to activate the ~~one or more user indicators to initiate~~ at least one communication mode with that system user associated with presented user indicators ~~that user indicator selected~~.

16. (Amended) The system of claim 15, further comprising a communication preventing module that enables a ~~the system user~~users to prevent ~~either the target~~ system users from establishing communications with ~~that the system user~~users.

17. (Amended) The system of claim 16, further comprising an urgent communication request module that enables the one or more target system users to override the communication preventing module and to send an urgent communication request.

18. (Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising a communication options preference presentation module that presents the system user'susers preference for receiving communications.

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19. (Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising a communication options presenting module that presents ~~the communication options to system users for a system user in~~ an order preferred by ~~that~~ the corresponding target system users~~user~~.

20. (Amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising a conference communication module that enables the ~~one or more~~ system users to establish conference communications.

21. (Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the conference communication module enables the ~~one or more~~ system users to share at least one application.

22. (Amended) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling ~~a~~ at least one system user to establish at least one communication with one or more target system users, the target system users being associated with ~~using a user indicator that~~ is presented within an ~~at least one~~ electronic document, the medium comprising:

user indicator identifying processor readable code that causes a processor to identify the one or more user indicators as links within an ~~the~~ at least one electronic document;

status indication processor readable code that causes the processor to determine a status of a plurality of communication modes associated with the one or more user indicators;

communication selection processor readable code that causes ~~a~~ the processor to select at least one communication mode from ~~a~~ the plurality of communication modes based on the status indication; and

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communication link providing processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to provide at least one communication link to one or more communication options ~~using~~ associated with the one or more user indicators.

23. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication establishing processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to establish communication between the system users and the one or more target system users upon selection of user indicators and activating the at least one communication mode ~~with one or more system users associated with the a-selected user indicators indicator when that user indicator is selected.~~

24. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication preventing processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to prevent ~~other~~ the one or more target system users from establishing a communication with ~~that system user~~ users.

25. (Amended) The medium of claim 24, further comprising urgent communication requesting processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to enable the one or more target system users to send an urgent communication request.

26. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising communication preference identifying processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to enable the one or more system users to identify a preference for receiving ~~the~~ at least one communication.

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27. (Amended) The medium of claim 26, further comprising communication preference ordering processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to present the at least one communication mode in an order preferred by that ~~the at least one~~ system user.

28. (Amended) The medium of claim 22, further comprising conference communication establishing processor readable code that causes a ~~the~~ processor to enable the one or more system users to establish conference communications.

29. (Amended) The medium of claim 28, wherein the conference communication establishing code causes a ~~the~~ processor to ~~enables~~ enable the one or more system users to share at least one application.

Claims 30-33 are added as new claims.